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AMENDMENT

Applicant wishes to amend the specification as follows:

At the 7th line from the bottom of page 6, delete "to".

At the 5^{th} line from the bottom of page 6, delete "to", second occurrence.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the office action of August 28, 2002 the Examiner made the following rejections:

Claims 1 and 4 to 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph,

Claim 19 appears to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 2, 3, 4-7, 18, 19, 20-22, 23-27, 29, 31, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. § 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)) as being anticipated by Umemoto et al. 5,636,323 (Umemoto).